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## EDITORIAL.

This past month has been a rather busy month with talks and lectures taking up the best part of my time as well as the ever growing video library that I have with over 270 video tapes (Over 1,000 hrs) of material from around the world, with the latest material coming from Italian and French television. The French material consists of overflights in a micra aircraft over the crop circles of Southern England in the 1990's. Although the material is in black and white, it certainly gives a different perspective on the circles.

This month has seen the comet Hale-Bopp passing closer and closer to the planet and getting more and more spectacular as it gets closer. I managed to see it from my back garden on several occasions and I hope to capture it on film in the next month.

This months newsletter is full of information and your very own editor has managed to put pen to paper and produce an article (My brain Hurts..... !!!) and in the next edition, I hope to be doing a further article that looks at police encounters and sightings of flying saucers over the past 30 or so years (This is a bit close to my heart as I work for Hampshire Police Authority and in my spare time (What spare time .... ?) I am a special

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***A UFO CAPTURED ON  
CAMERA BY THOSE ELUSIVE  
MEN IN BLACK (MIB'S) FOR  
SHORT.***

constable for my sins. Whilst on duty I happened to be stopped by someone who said 'what are those 3 lights in the sky', and up in the air, were these 3 lights playing tag with each other in the sky. I had my doubts but did not say anything and as for calling up on the police radio and saying 'Control, I think I have just seen three UFO's', well you could probably imagine the reply... Anyway, the next day, the Southampton Echo carried the story that the police were inundated with calls about these 'lights', but in fact there was an earthly explanation for the lights in that a new night club had opened in Southampton and

Next issue : review  
of Dorchester  
Conference held on  
the 6th April 1997.

that they had used three 2nd world war spotlights to open the night club with and that these were shining against the low cloud cover... Oh well case solved.....

With the months slowly creeping by, June is just around the corner and we see the first of our Sunday meetings with guest speaker Roy Lake. In September, Mr. Busty Taylor has gladly said that he will come along and give a talk (hopefully on the 1997 crop circle formations) and I am looking to 1998 for other speakers to come along on a Sunday afternoon to enlighten the group and so if you run a group and would like to come along to the group to give a lecture or talk of around 2hrs (broken up into 2 sections) then why not drop us a line at the editors address. (I hope that you did not notice the mistake in the last issue.. I forgot to include the editors address... Oops !..ED)

The coming few months see a number of other conferences up and down the country as well one or two interesting items on the Tv that should be well worth a look at and I believe that ITV are doing a special week of programs concerning the Unknown in the summer with one or two programs about UFO's (More details in the next edition of the newsletter).

What the press had to say in October 1995.regional newspapers .

- 2.10.95 : Dundee Courier & Advertiser : Cosmic tourists en route for Falkirk !
- 5.10.95 : Northern Echo : Out of this world.
- 5.10.95 : Hinckley Herald : UFO spotted flying over village.
- 5.10.95 : Barking & Dagenham Recorder : Something Out There ?
- 5.10.95 : East Kent Mercury : UFO Bubbles theory no solution.
- 6.10.95 : Jersey Evening Post : Anyone see a Flying Saucer this morning ?
- 6.10.95 : West Somerset Free Press : Quantock UFO witness not alone.
- 7.10.95 : Birmingham Post : Hollywood Vigil for Unidentified Visitors.
- 7.10.95 : Glasgow Evening Times : All eyes on the sky.
- 7.10.95 : Scarborough Evening News : Tales of a UFO spotter.
- 8.10.95 : Somerset County Gazette : UFO is seen by mum in Taunton.
- 9.10.95 : Glasgow Herald : Invasion of the UFO watchers.
- 10.10.95 : Dundee Courier & Advertiser : Bonnybridge baffled by UFO experts.
- 10.10.95 : Edinburgh Evening News : UFO 'Super- being' was on another planet.
- 11.10.95 : Loughborough Echo : Was the Flying blue ball a UFO ?
- 11.10.95 : Eastern Daily Press : Call for release of secret UFO files.
- 11.10.95 : Glasgow Herald : They came from outer Falkirk.
- 11.10.95 : Guernsey Evening Press : 'Squares of silver in the sky' !
- 11.10.95 : The Scotsman : Call to release 'secret' MoD files on aliens
- 11.10.95 : Yorkshire Post : 'Release files on aliens' demand.
- 12.10.95 : Kingston Borough Guardian : 'UFO's leave bystanders dumbfounded.
- 12.10.95 : Doncaster Star : Open X-Files plea.
- 12.10.95 : Hinckley Herald : UFOs sighted at Stoney Stanton.
- 12.10.95 : Ilford Recorder : Something Out There ?
- 12.10.95 : Falkirk Herald : UFO buffs miss the target.
- 13.10.95 : Doncaster Star : Heaven's above !
- 13.10.95 : Broadcast (London) : Live looks for 'Weird' shows.
- 13.10.95 : Buckingham Advertiser : They're Back.
- 13.10.95 : City of London Recorder : Something Out There.
- 13.10.95 : Craven Herald : Footballers go in search of UFO's.
- 13.10.95 : The Surrey Comet : Identified ! Spaceman alert over.
- 14.10.95 : Greenock Telegraph : 'Come clean' plea over UFO's.
- 14.10.95 : Nottingham Evening Post : Help to solve a UFO mystery.
- 14.10.95 : Heartland Evening News : UFO's sighted in Hinckley.
- 16.10.95 : Newham Recorder : Something Out There ?
- 17.10.95 : Thanet Times : Why that alien just could be your granny !
  
- 18.10.95 : Scarborough Evening News & Mercury : Eye-witnesses report more UFO sightings.

group meeting 16.2.97.

Our group meeting this month was poorly attended compared to previous meetings with only 6 group members along with 4 other new people to the group with at least one of these that expressed an interest to join the group, but who to date has not returned the membership form. I updated the group with current news and investigations and we talked of ways of trying to get new members to join the group, as membership has dropped off with a further 3 members failing to renew their membership over the past month. we decided to place an advert in UFO Magazine and also to supply contact details to the glossy magazines such as Sightings and UFO Reality and also to hold our meetings on a Sunday every 4 months along with a guest speaker that would be advertised through the media (Tv and Radio) and other group magazines. (As the newsletter goes to print, we have so far sold 4 tickets for Roy Lakes lecture in June).

We also talked about holding a conference maybe in 1998, by asking another, well known group if they would consider a joint venture in Southampton. At present, a group member has found a suitable venue, and we shall see how our meetings in June and September go, before making any commitment to a full blown national conference. Watch this space as they say. I hope other members will attend the next group meeting as I need to talk to all those of you who can attend about other matters that may effect the group in months to come.

18.10.95 : Nottingham Evening Echo : Philip's UFO Quest.  
18.10.95 : Chorley Guardian : Over the Moon.  
18.10.95 : Eastern Daily Press : Flying visit of UFO expert.  
18.10.95 : Wrexham Evening Leader : Center to probe driver's sighting of UFO.  
18.10.95 : Yorkshire Post : Far Sighted.  
19.10.95 : Nottingham Evening Post : ET or just aerial PCs ?  
19.10.95 : Nuneaton Evening News : Roger's theory on UFO's.  
19.10.95 : Birmingham Evening Mail : Expert looks at Flying Saucers  
19.10.95 : Falkirk Herald : UFO meeting was a conflict of interests.  
19.10.95 : Oadby & Wigston Mail : No Headline.  
19.10.95 : Dundee Evening Telegraph : Dundee light display not UFO's.  
20.10.95 : The List : Out of this world.  
20.10.95 : Belfast Newsletter : Aliens 'Targeting Ulster Livestock'.  
20.10.95 : Dundee Courier & Advertiser : 'UFO' Mystery is solved.  
20.10.95 : Slough & Langley Observer : A close encounter.  
23.10.95 : Brighton Evening News : Is there anybody out there ?  
25.10.95 : Chorley Guardian : No-one there to phone home....  
26.10.95 : Helston Packet : A modern mystery at Kynance cove.  
26.10.95 : Helston packet : Space lights set phones ringing.  
26.10.95 : Wigan Reporter : No Headline.  
27.10.95 : Cambridge Evening News : Tell me, have you seen the Lights ?  
27.10.95 : Malvern Gazette : X-Files evening.  
27.10.95 : Keighley News : Village goes UFO-crazy  
27.10.95 : Somerset County Gazette : UFO's are seen over Taunton.  
28.10.95 : Glasgow Evening Times : No Headline.  
31.10.95 : Heartland Evening News : Another UFO in night sky.  
31.10.95 : Peterborough Evening Telegraph : UFO expert wanted.

#### NEWSPAPER UNKNOWN.

16.10.95 : Encounters Closer.

#### NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS.

2.10.95 : The Guardian : First Issues - Spaceships and other new launches.  
8.10.95 : Sunday People : How the stars are spaced out on UFO's...  
10.10.95 : The Guardian : 'Alien Messages' drive demand for release of MoD data on UFO's.  
11.10.95 : The Independent : Alien visitors give rise to earthly clamour.  
11.10.95 : The Times : UFO hotspot draws crowds but aliens fail to turn up.  
15.10.95 : The People : Secrets of the UFO's revealed.  
20.10.95 : The Independent : Make friends with an alien.  
21.10.95 : Daily Telegraph : Prepare to meet thy alien.  
31.10.95 : The Independent : Sci-fi Tv : Do we have lift-off ?

#### magazines articles.

1.10.95 : Focus : UFO corner.  
11.10.95 : Time out : Spaced Invader.

#### local articles.

10.10.95 : Southampton Evening Echo : Westminster.  
19.10.95 : Portsmouth News : UFO spotters look for secrets



closer to home.

24.10.95 : Southampton Evening Echo : Please tell me we didn't see a UFO...

current lectures FOR 1997.

UFO ABDUCTIONS & IMPLANTS : THE PROOF.....

Saturday 7th June 1997 (7pm - 11pm. Doors open 6pm).

Location : The Embassy Hotel, Meyrick Road, East Cliff,  
Bournemouth.

The above lecture is a Reg Presley Presentation with 2 of the forefront researchers into Alien Abductions and implants. They are Derrel Sims C.M.Ht., R.H.A. and Dr. Roger K.Leir.

Over the last few years the UFO Abduction phenomenon has increased and been investigated by people from all over the world. The evidence that has now come to light has created a mystery that needs to be answered. More and more people are now coming forward to tell their stories of abductions, medical examinations and implants of unknown objects in their bodies.

Ticket prices are £8.00 and they can be booked on the following telephone number : 01202 290751.

UFOKENT 1997 Saturday 26th April 1997 10am - 10pm at the Cliff Room, The Lido, Clifflonville, Margate, Kent. The conference will look at such subjects as Crop Circles, Alien Races, Alien Abductions plus more. Ticket prices are £10 if prebooked. For more details, contact - Astrasearch, 61 Eaton Road, Margate, CT9 1XB.  
Telephone : 01843 221015.

Newcastle UFO Conference 3rd May 1997 at the Civic Center, Newcastle. Speakers include William Holden, Graham Birdsall, Anthony Dodd, Russell Callagham. Tickets £7.00 (£5 concessions) .. No contact address available, but contact Quest International who may be able to supply a contact telephone number.

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lecture : 11.3.97.

Myself and Mr. Ernie Sears were invited to give a talk/presentation to course members doing a UFO course at the above college. The course was well attended with around 12-15 course members attending the presentation. I started the talk with a look at the abduction case that I investigated back in 1992 of a lad who was allegedly abducted, who was then given an 'examination' on board of their craft and the following months saw further contact with a female entity and also out of body experiences. I then showed video footage of alleged UFO's taken in Germany in 1995 - 1996. Mr. Ernie Sears gave a presentation concerning his many UFO sightings and the sightings of a triangular craft back in the 1970's where it was close enough to see the ribbing and rivets on the flying triangle.

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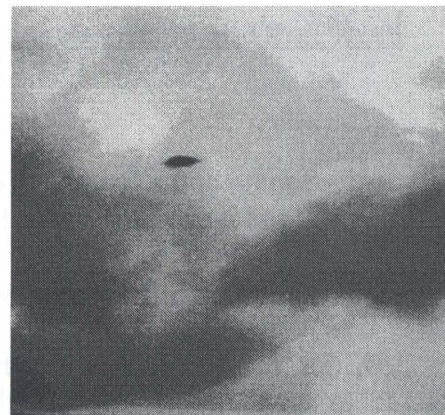
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Press/Tv/Radio Matters Over The Past Month :  
15.2.97 - 15.3.97.

The Press :

15.2.97 - Southampton Evening Echo : The Truth is out There - and it can Stay There !

If the truth is out, Bob Price would just as soon not know.

Odd, for the the author of the definitive local guide to to alien visitations - the updated UFO's Over Hampshire.

Bob, 51, of Chadwell Avenue, Sholing, Southampton, said : "Some of the people I interviewed for the book were absolutely terrified by what they'd seen. So I don't really want to see one myself".

It was the nation's obsession with The X Files that convinced publisher Hallsgrrove to re-issue Bob's book, originally published by Ensign in 1990.

Bob, a married dad-of-two and a civilian controller for Hampshire Police, put the book together after a correspondence course in writing.

His fascination with UFO's began while working as a controller for the AA in Southampton.

He said : "It was about 2 am and we had just two patrols left on duty. One of these lads, called Cyril Gates, called up on the radio to book off. He paused and then said 'I've just seen what I think you'd probably call a UFO'.

"He'd been putting his AA van away in the garage at his house in Curdrige and noticed a bright light over Bursledon railway station. He looked across and saw a big oval object.

"He said it rose to the height of the electricity pylon nearby then seemed to turn on its side.

"It moved slowly towards him. It was no more than 500 yards away. And then it took off at a hell of an acceleration, leaving two trails of luminous white sparks. It went off towards Portsdown Hill and disappeared".

Other sightings that night, in Portsmouth and on the Isle of Wight, shored up the patrolman's story. Years later, when Bob was looking for a subject to write a first book on, his vivid memory of the patrolman's sighting, prompted him to research others in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

After uncovering a stack of cuttings from local papers and contacting UFO enthusiasts, Bob embarked on a year-long odyssey to seek out the

stories.

Most of the interviewees were thoroughly credible people - many police officers - but there were some dubious stories.

Bob was also a bit uneasy with the stories of some "abductees". One young woman changed his mind though.

"Halfway through the interview I got the gut feeling that what I was being told was absolute truth. It was a little bit disturbing. I'd loaded a couple of questions to see if I could trip her up, but her reactions were so natural.

"What struck me was her anger about what had happened to her. A lot of them tend to give you a rather rosy outlook on it, with alien beings coming down to rescue mankind, but she didn't".

Bob enjoys UFO telly as much as anyone - but he's not obsessed by it.

"Me and my lad both watch X Files and we're both in love with Gillian Anderson, of course. It's just a phase.

"A number of people deeply into the subject suggest it's being pushed so hard now because world governments want to see what the public reaction is because they've got things they want to reveal...."

17.2.97 : Southampton Evening Echo : Alien Art's a Winner :

A Southampton tattoo artist has won an international award for doing the best out-of-this-world alien designs.

Richard Cubbin, owner of Alien Tattoos, in Portswood Road, scooped the accolade at a London show.

His shop is the only specializing in alien tattoo work in the South.

And in the past year the X Files series and film Independence Day have shot business through the roof.

Richard, 29, said : "This award is proof that people really are starting to think more about higher intelligence alien life forms".

7.3.97 : The Independent : Moon Mystery :

Sir : Thomas Sutcliffe (Television review, 25 February) is entitled to his opinions on Channel 4's discussion program *For the Love Of....*, which questioned the truth about the Nasa moon landings.



However, as one of the participants, I have certainly not "convinced" myself that the Apollo moon landings "never took place" and neither had all of those on the panel.

Rather, some of us question the photographs which purport to be the evidence for the moon missions. The severe unexplained anomalies in these give rise to doubt about their authenticity. This does not necessarily mean Nasa did not go to the moon, but simply that, for reasons unknown, some or all of the publicity released photographs may be studio-posed publicity shots. Either way, Nasa has a case to answer.

Andy Thomas, Lewes, East Sussex.

11.3.97 : Daily Mail :

QUESTION : What is the greatest number of people to have supposedly seen a UFO at the same time ?

AS FULL-TIME coastguard at Cromer, I was one of the 'trained professionals' stated in an earlier answer to have seen an object flash through the sky on December 31 1978. I admit to being a little scared at the time, but the explanation that it was a re-entry burnup of a Soviet rocket satisfied my curiosity.

This object was sighted from the Shetlands to the English Channel and was so brilliant and large that the crew of a jumbo jet en route to Holland altered course to avoid a collision. My nerves didn't recover for quite a few days because following the sighting I had to drive through the snow to investigate flashing lights on the beach further south. They turned out to be the council snow plough.

I decamped to a local hostelry for the rest of the night and still have photographs taken by BBC Nationwide showing me looking shocked and scared. To quash any idea of a conspiracy regarding these sightings, I was never asked by some sinister government force to sign something to keep what I saw to myself, nor have I come under any strange alien influence, though my wife sometimes thinks otherwise.

Colin Handforth,  
Ivybridge,  
Devon.

11.3.97 Daily Mail : My last predictions for man (Arthur C.Clark New Book - Visions of 3001).

The following is a short excerpt of the article that covered just under a page and a half and I have taken out a piece that you may find interesting :  
"For a man so sternly rational, fantasy alone holds little interest. What is his opinion of extra-terrestrials and UFO ? 'One thing is certain ... if extra-terrestrial beings do visit our planet, they won't be look human at all. So when someone says they've seen, let alone been kidnapped by, beings with a head, eyes, limbs and a body, I know they are deceiving themselves. They may believe it's happened but they are wrong.

'We are the way we are because of our adaption to oxygen, gravity and the other conditions of life on this planet.

'But I feel quite sure that there many many planets like Earth, on some of which there'll be bi-peds, but we'd never mistake them for anything remotely human - whereas most of what these UFO-spotters claim to have seen or been abducted by are nothing more than slightly distorted humans'.

#### Editors Lectures For 1997.

This year appears to be a busy month for yours truly and the following is a listing of the talks and lectures that I will be giving so far in 1997.

25th April 1997 - Everton,Lymington - Ramblers Association annual meeting.

6th May 1997 - Local Hospital radio, Southampton. This is a kind of 'Desert Islands Discs' where I have to take along my 6 favorite songs to be played during the show whilst we are talking. (approx. 45 Mins).

5th July 1997 - Southern UFO Conference (More details when I receive them).

September 1997... Local women's association meeting in Yateley, Hampshire (To be confirmed).

11th November 1997 : Annual dinner of 'The Institution of Electrical Engineers.

Television.

16.2.97 : Discovery Channel : What If ?

This was a futuristic look at what would happen in the future if we were visited by extraterrestrials. I enjoyed this and was well produced if a little bit over the top.

16.2.97 : Sci-Fi Channel : Sightings : In the News : Area 51.

Exposing Project Blue Book.

16.2.97 : Sci-Fi Channel : EarthScan : Abduction of Gary Wood.

17.2.97 : Live Tv : The Why Files : Rudloe Manor & the UFO Cover-Up.

18.2.97 : Live Tv : The Why Files : Past Lives. (Regression).

19.2.97 : Sky 1 : Sightings : A search for the Truth (The Mantel crash).

In the News : Marketing UFO's and crop circles in Australian.

19.2.97 : Ch 4 : Fortean Tv : Alien abductions & alien art.

24.2.97 : For The Love Of : Were The Moon Landings Hoaxed.

25.2.97 : Live Tv : The Why Files : Olivers Castle Crop Circle video hoax.

26.2.97 : Ch 4 : Fortean Tv : Aliens in Israel.

26.2.97 : Sky 1 : Sightings : Ancient Visitors (Peru).

Martian Canals.

In the News - Alien Abduction - The Message.

3.3.97 : Sky 1 : Sightings : Incident at Cherry Creek.

5.3.97 : Sci-Fi Channel : Mysteries, Magic & Miracles : Ancient Souls.

5.3.97 : Sci-Fi Channel : EarthScan : UFO Encounter, France 1995.

5.3.97 : Live Tv : The Why Files : Roy Lake (London UFO Studies group).

5.3.97 : Sky 1 : Sightings : UFO at Edwards AFB (1965).

Messengers of Destiny (Brazil)

7.3.97 : Live Tv : EarthScan : Shrewsbury UFO sighting.

10.3.97 : Sci-Fi Channel : Sightings : In the News : Nazi UFO's.

Klinger encounter (abduction ?)

UFO's over Korea -

(Cluster UFO's).

12.3.97 : Sightings : Edwards Encounter.

In the News : Alien abduction.  
MUFON Database.



Life in Space.

Update - Face on Mars.

12.3.97 : Sci-Fi Channel : The Philadelphia Experiment (Rpt).

12.3.97 : Discovery Channel : Arthur C. Clarke's : UFO's. (Rpt).

#### Jersey UFO Research Team Membership Pack.

I recently received a fax from Kevin Giannoni who has set up a **UFO AWARENESS/ MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE**.

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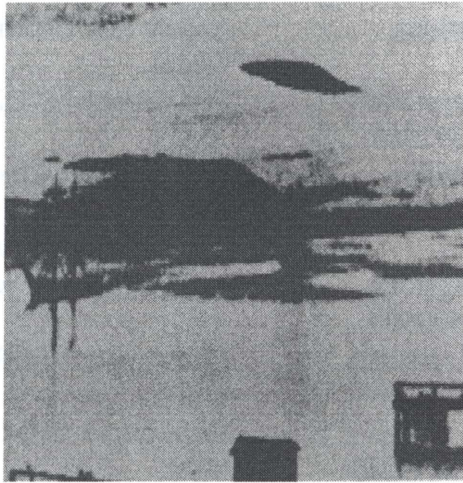
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magazine reviews by  
Mr. Ernie sears.

**SKYLINK...** Roy Lake's magazine for the London UFO Studies Group.. catch Roy at our own groups Sunday afternoon meeting. Later,..., this issue very dramatically changed and very gripping and provocative in its contents ! Improved layout, too. Right from Quest Internationals John Clarke ("spirits or UFO's") through Mexico's 19th parallel, (Hale-Bopp significance, NASA's secret photos, etc), good sightings reports, 1996 abduction report enthralling by un=named author, "Strange Gravity" article from Groom Lake's Desert Rat, "Alien Graphics" from Wright Patterson AFB, to that awesome "Top Secret" MAJIC "Eyes Only" 19 pages of such detailed and startling material one wonders, if it is ANOTHER elaborate hoax it's painstakingly down ! Claims to involve "Recovery and Disposal of alien entities and technology !" Worth a long long look.. no price mentioned ANYWHERE but try Roy Lake at 10a Tudor Road, Barking, Essex. IG11 9RX... or see previous mags !

**SIGHTINGS...** An excellent glossy, extremely meaningful and fascinating interview with Whitley Strieber, look out for his "The Secret School" new book, Russell Warren on "Fairly Tales" and connections with modern UFOLOGY.. potted biog. of "Hall of Fame" UFO luminaries, that almost incredible Fife "Close Encounter" by Malcolm Robinson... Bob Deans "Assessment" in depth....



Neil Dixons "Spiritual and Divine Forces" aspect of the enigma... Jenny Randles. Look out for her new book, "Alien Contact", (Collins and Brown), and her questioning that "Alien" tag, .. will frame her 'I think there is a real alien contact of some sort underway!..' great, Jenny, where have you been ?.. Nick Pope on that 1995 "near miss", totally in line with my letter in "Sightings" !.. another excellent issue from the shops or Rapide Publishing, 14a Union Street, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ12 2JS... £2.95.

**ALIEN ENCOUNTERS...** 10th issue.. a really thick glossy, dramatic cover : "Loving the Alien" by David Bowie ! .. "Alien Sex".. Close Encounters of the "Perv" kind... I SEE ! .... etc etc.. plus, gosh, a FREE KEY RING !... good UFO sightings update, ditto abductions... "alien" identification includes Daleks !, Star Trek, Oranges, Mothmen, Dolphinoids... Ken Parsons on UFO's being some form of natural energy.. with ALL of 'em ? .. although I'm fully aware "energy" lies within and without us and the cosmos, nothing excepted ! "celebrity UFO's". i.e. : the more well-heeled and famous !.. Britains Area 51. i.e. : Rudloe Manor... Roy Lake featured !..

than the human kind.. modesty forbids me to say ANYTHING !.. all still worth £2.99 as there's much MORE ! From the shops.

**IUFOPRA..** Irish UFO Paranormal Research Association.

publishes an "Animal Mutilation Update" quickie mag, Credit Linda Moulton Howe,... Includes Irelands OWN "Mutilation" scenario and suddenly "censored" communications with the initially informative GARDA, also IUFOPRA's Chief Director's Report, and that Roscommon "crash" updated, seemingly a hoax, from information received ! IUFOPRA publish a Journal and additional newsletter (which I quote from here) at £12 but sorry, no address this time or periodicity.. !

**ENIGMA...** A pocket sized magazine, by Editor Paul Vigay, nicely and neatly printed, and a "special Hale-Bopp issue".. highly detailed 13 pager by Paul, all that information and disinformation, suspect photo of that "companion", etc, much speculation on where we are and what we are comes into it, plus those crop circles, hoaxes or reality?, "D" Notices, and "The Final Conspiracy" by Adam Whaley, (New World Order, Eco-Apocalypse, etc etc..i.e. : get your survival kit ready, he says !), speculation I said and this is true, but can we agree with the current "negative" aspect of films, Tv series, etc on the subject as opposed to previous "serious" documentaries, and the battle for covert mind control.. by who ? Our own species ? Never be surprised ! Good magazine if you're an

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1996 Crop Circle Formations.

25th May : East Oakley Near Basingstoke.  
Oil Seed Rape. O/S Ref : SU 592507.  
Anit-Clockwise standing crescent within  
Anit-Clockwise ring. Dia 85ft.

25th May : East Oakley Near Basingstoke.  
Oil Seed Rape. O/S Ref : SU 590505.  
61ft Anti-Clockwise with standing crescent.

15th June : Godworth Clatford.  
Barley. O/S Ref : SU 357426.  
Rose design, circle 85ft dia, 2  
overlapping grapeshot.

30th June : Ropley Dean.  
Barley. O/S Ref : SU 617318.  
Centre circle (Slightly Offset) circle 44ft. 1st ring  
circle 104ft dia (8ft wide). 2nd ring circle 250ft dia  
(8ft wide).

Late June : Longparish.  
Barley. O/S Ref : SU 429447.  
'Keyhole' design. Overall length 43ft.

Late June : Longparish.  
Barley. O/S Ref : SU 428451.  
Overall length 38ft 6'.

4th July : Nr Hannington.  
Wheat. O/S Ref : SU 565562.  
Ring circle 100ft, central circle 66ft,  
satellites circles 21ft.

7th July : Clarken Green, Nr Basingstoke.  
Barley. O/S Ref : SU 566499.  
3 overlapping 30ft x 6ft rings and 3ft grapeshot.

23rd July : Olivers Battery Nr Winchester.  
Barley. O/S Ref : SU 448279.  
Circle with point on North side.

26th July : Near West Tistead.  
Wheat. O/S Ref : SU 679289.  
Overall dia of formation 210ft.

26th July : Near West Tistead.  
Wheat. O/S Ref : 679289.  
2 circles with connecting corridor.

August : Nr Colemore.  
Wheat. O/S Ref : SU 700292.  
21ft Clockwise-Circle within 30ft ring.

12th August : Clanfield.  
Wheat. O/S Ref : SU 713168.  
Large circle 90ft with connecting path 50ft x 6ft and  
small circle 48ft with extending path 50ft x 6ft.

17th August : Middleton nr Longparish.  
Wheat. O/S Ref : SU 424448.  
Main circle Anti-Clockwise 75ft. Overall length  
150ft.

Late August : East Oakley Near Basingstoke.  
Wheat. O/S Ref : SU 593509.  
Ring circle 6ft wide and 55ft dia.

Date Unknown : Arreton, Isle of Wight.  
Large circle 40ft dia and small circle 10ft dia.

1997 Formation Appears in Cornwall.

Well folks, it looks as if the first formation of 1997 has appeared in Cornwall. on the 31st January, at Sennen, Lands End, and formation was found in grass. The formation was 37ft across with a short curved pathway which made it look like the letter 'Q'. A second 'Formation' appeared next to the first that was concentric to the first formation. It appears that the MoD took great interest in this formation, and 'The Men From The Ministry' appeared at the site and took away ground samples etc from the formation. It has been said, that when the formation first appeared (single circle with a tail) it looked like male sperm. (Any connection with the chequers formation found a year or two ago I wonder !). I find it a little strange that the MoD are interested in the formation. I ask myself did anyone speak to them, ask them for any I.D. Or was it the fact that they were dressed in black, wore hats and dark glasses and pulled up in a black 1950/60's Cadillac that gave the game away. I feel these 'Men From The Ministry' were not what they appeared and were there to add a bit of authenticity to the whole thing. Mind you, I was not there and I am only making assumptions, but who really knows who they were. More on this item if I hear anything and I will update all of you 'croppies' with news of future formations in 1997.



### **The Government : Who's Fooling Who..... ?**

**Steve Gerrard (SUFOG Editor).**

Like many of my readers, I am intrigued what the government really knows about the UFO phenomenon and why are they so button-lipped about it. We know places like Rudloe Manor is interested in the phenomenon and on the 8th July 1996 Hansard (The House of Commons Report) contained the following questions that were asked the Secretary of State for Defence, Mr. Soames (Soapy Soames as reader and magazine reviewer Mr. Sears called him in issue 77) :

**Mr. Redmond :** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence which office within his department deals with sightings of unidentified flying objects.

**Mr. Soames :** The focal point within my Department for reports of sightings of unidentified flying objects is Secretariat(Air Staff) 2a.

**Mr. Redmond :** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence if he will list by (a) date and (b) location for the last 10 years unexplainable sightings of unidentified flying objects received by his Department ; and what action was subsequently taken.

**Mr. Soames :** My Department evaluates reports of "unexplained" aerial phenomena solely in order to establish whether they may have any defence significance. Unless there is evidence to indicate that the UK air defence region may have been compromised, and to date no sighting has provided such

evidence, my Department does not investigate or seek to provide an explanation for what was observed. The question of unexplainable sightings has not therefore arisen.

What ! Who's pulling the wool over who's eyes here. What was Nick Pope doing in the Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a ! He openly admits that he investigated sightings, yet Mr. Soames says 'My Department does not investigate or seek to provide an explanation for what was observed. In his book 'Open Skies Closed Minds' - "Nick Pope works for the Ministry of Defence as a Higher Executive Officer, the ranking equivalent of a Major in the British Army.

He has worked at the MoD's London headquarters at Whitehall for 11years. From 1991 - 1994, he was appointed to Secretariat (Air Staff) Department 2A - better known to insiders as 'The UFO Desk'. His job was to investigate (Remember what Mr. Soames said 'My Department does not investigate or seek to provide an explanation for what is observed) and analyze claims of UFO sightings and to assess their threat to national security. It was an experience that changed his life.

So, who do we believe, a governmental Minister or someone that worked for the government and claims that he investigated UFO sightings.

In the 19th of April edition of RAF News, Issue 896, was the following article :

#### **UFO Reports Shot Down.**

Recent suggestions that the MoD has a high level of interest in Unidentified Flying Objects

The two-man Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a in Main Building said they existed to provide administrative support for RAF activities and operations. UFOs were just one of a whole range of responsibilities.

They admitted receiving in the region of 200 - 300 reports of unexplained aerial sightings a year but denied anybody worked full time on them. (Expect the 'X' Mr. Pope of course !).

The MoD did not have any direct interest, expertise or role in respect of UFO matters, or those relating to the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remained open minded. To date, the MoD knew of no evidence which might substantiate the existence of such phenomena.

"With responsibility for the effective defence of the UK, the MoD and Hm Forces remain vigilant for any potential threat from whatever source. It is in this context alone that reports of unexplained aerial sightings are looked at in order to establish whether what was seen might have defence significance.

"If no threat is discerned - and in connection with UFO sightings this has been the case in all instances to date - no further attempt is made to investigate or establish exactly what might have been seen. As such it is quite common for a sighting to remain unexplained but not require further official action".

They said that despite the fact that only a small part of their workload was to act as a focal point for answering these type of queries, they were often erroneously

referred to as 'The UFO office'.

"The majority of reports which we receive are from members of



some thing puzzling, usually lights in the sky, and feel that they ought to inform the authorities of what they saw. We look at these reports, some of which are very vague, to establish whether there is any defence interest.

"Although we are sometimes able to provide a definitive explanation of what the witness saw, for example we may already be aware of unusual aerial activity which ties in with the sighting, we are not constituted to investigate and provide an explanation for every unusual sight in the sky".

Well, that was straight from the men that know, or do they. In the 17th May edition (Issue 898), A Mr. N.G.Pope MoD (Who ?) writes the following :

#### **Sightings Provoked Scrambles :**

I was interested to see the article on the MoD's handling of the UFO mystery which appeared in issue 896.

When I worked in Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a in the early 90's I found that although many UFO sightings could be explained, there was a hard core of sightings that defied any conventional explanation. These included a number of cases where visual sightings were backed up by radar evidence.

The RAF's involvement with this subject goes back to at least the 40s and I have come across some fascinating accounts of aircraft being scrambled to intercept UFO's.

Some of these incidents are detailed in files available at the Public Records Office in Kew. Although many RAF aircrew have given me details of their own spectacular encounters,

very few of them had ever made an official report.

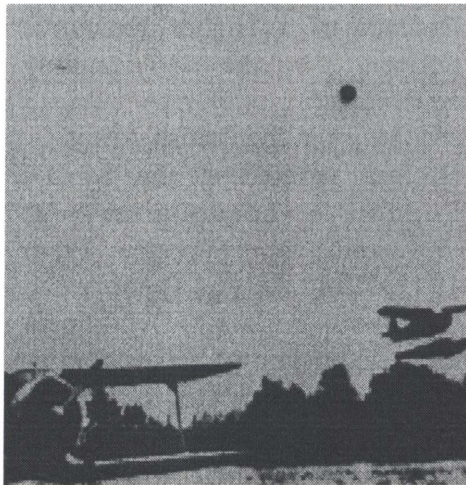
Perhaps readers of RAF News have some stories that would make interesting reading.

N.G.Pope, MoD.

(I feel a new book coming on readers.... !!).

So, who do we believe, Mr. Soames, his current employees or a former employee (Well, an employee that has been moved from one department to another ?) What do you the reader think of it all ?

SKYWATCH 22.3.97.



LOCATION : LONGDOWN,  
NR SOUTHAMPTON.

The location used was a car park off of the road, a short distance from the New Nature Watch attraction.

The group was myself and 7 members of the Totton UFO Studies Course (See page 4.)

We got to the site around 8.30pm after a wrong turning by yours truly, and managing to lose 2 group members, who never turned up, even though we sent out search parties.

It was slightly over cast, but there was enough of a break in the clouds to allow us good viewing until midnight.

Our first observation was comet

Hale-Bopp which was quite a sight

when viewed through my binoculars (10 x 50).

At 9.20 pm approx. I spotted an anomalous flashing light directly overhead. It was very high up, and I drew everyone's attention to it. I viewed it through binoculars and was only able to observe a flashing light, no aircraft lights or shape was discernible. I was able to keep it in view from directly overhead to a 30 deg ascension. It's flight was towards Southampton approx. Northeast. The duration was approx. 2 - 3 mins.

Nothing more was sighted until 11.25 pm and in those 2 hours we had visits from the police and an arguing couple. We also walked around the area to warm ourselves up a bit.

At 11.25 pm, we all observed a flashing white light in the direction of Fawley, Near Southampton. Through binoculars, the light was moving very erratically. i.e. every time it flashed on, it would have moved. It was also visible below the low cloud in that direction. It was only visible for a minute or two.

A couple of the group said that they had seen a similar light in that location earlier that night.

As the minutes passed, we were wishing something more would happen but by midnight the clouds were thickening and we decided to call it a night.

It wasn't a wasted night and even if we had only seen the comet, it would have been ok. I also found out that the New Forest Ponies do not like chocolate !!!!

The above was supplied by Steve

(Cont. from page 9) ... Inner Being Awareness etc convert of some years like me !.. worth the £2 per quarterly issue from 104 Manners Road, Southsea, Hampshire, PO4 0BG.

**AWARENESS...** The Journal of Contact International UFO Research organization.. another "pocket sized" but excellently printed. More on that HALE-BOPP, and DOOMSDAY speculation and ancient forecasts... don't panic! .. that mystery craft over East Anglia, the "film" taken still "unavailable"! interesting sighting summaries, those "Triangles", "Adamski style scoutships", silent cigars, ANOTHER "near miss" (October 1995) witnessed by passengers and crew near MANCHESTER AIRPORT !... object maneuvered to eventually pace aircraft !.. CAA report awaited, surprise surprise ! .. amazing, mysterious, paranormal happenings to Reading family... those unmarked black aircraft.. enough trouble WITHOUT THOSE !... although useful in "UFO" chases... make a note of the Contact International 1997 Conference at Kidlington, Oxford, 26th October 1997... who KNOWS what

KNOWS what NEW events will have taken place by then ? (The Southampton UFO Group will be organizing a coach trip to this event... details to follow.. ED)....

good magazine anyway, £9 for four issues from PO Box 23, Wheatley, Oxon, OX33 1FL.

**CLOSING COMMENT !** An exciting, if speculative, collection, this month giving many of us much heightened awareness of "something" just around the corner, hopefully more positive than the same thing in the sixties that just never happened !

So long as mankind doesn't think "they" are going to ALLOW us "OUT THERE" while we still rape our own world, murder and mutilate both our animals and our own species ! Never mind anyone else's ! Remember Christopher Columbus ? Look what this "great" explorer did to the Indians etc ! OK, enough is enough... stay cool but most of all, be AWARE !

### DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next group meeting will be on the **27th of April**, at Woolston Community Center, Church Road, Woolston at 19.30 hrs until 22.30 hrs in the usual meeting room.

### GUEST SPEAKERS.

As from the **29th June 1997**, I will be organizing, along with other members of the group, a guest speaker to speak to the group and other interested parties. The first speaker will be **Mr. Roy Lake** of the London UFO Studies group, and doors will open at 2 pm and the meeting will be finished at 5 pm. If this is well supported, then every 4 months, I will book guest speakers to give us lectures on a regular basis. If you have any ideas about a speaker, then please let me know, and I will see what I can arrange. But beware, there will be restricted numbers, so get your tickets early.

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I/We require \_\_\_\_\_ tickets (please quote number of tickets required).

Ticket Price : £5.

Refreshments will be available at the venue.

Venue : Woolston Community Center, Church Road, Woolston, Southampton.

Please return completed application form to the editors address : Mr. Steve Gerrard, 25 Weston Grove Road, Woolston, Southampton, Hampshire, SO19 9EE.

**Please note, there is a limit on the available number of tickets.**

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